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### **John C. Stennis Space Center Policy Directive Management System Policy**

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## 1. POLICY

- a. Stennis Space Center (SSC) will provide quality products and services to our customers through the Stennis values: people, customers, excellence, teamwork, and innovation. The SSC values serve as the principles that guide our decisions and behaviors.
- b. The Stennis Management System (SMS) shall be the Center's quality management system used to ensure consistent quality of NASA SSC products and services and the safety of our customers, employees, and products.
- c. Top-level requirements for the responsibilities, procedures, processes, and resources for implementing the SMS in accordance with NPD 1280.1, *NASA Management System Policy*; NPD 8730.5, *NASA Quality Assurance Program Policy*; and this policy directive shall be defined in SPR 1280.1, *Stennis Management System Requirements*.
- d. SSC's management system policy shall incorporate SSC's environmental policy that is implemented through SPR 8500.1, *SSC Environmental Management System Procedural Requirements*.
- e. The SSC management system policy is:

**At SSC, we meet our quality and environmental objectives through our commitment to Mission Accomplishment, Continual Improvement, Compliance with the Law, Conservation and Sustainability, Pollution Prevention, and Safety.**

- f. Stennis Space Center's roles and missions are established and managed using NPD 1000.0, *NASA Strategic Management and Governance Handbook*. The Stennis Management System (SMS) shall ensure alignment between the NASA's Strategic Objectives and the Center's activities. Because of the Center's roles in obtaining the Agency's Strategic Objectives, SSC processes demand the highest quality in every aspect of the work we perform.
- g. Under the Center Director's control, this directive shall be the top-level document providing policy direction for the responsibilities, procedures, processes, and resources for implementing the SMS in accordance with NPD 1280.1, *NASA Management System Policy*; and NPD 8730.5, *NASA Quality Assurance Program Policy*.

## 2. APPLICABILITY

- a. This Stennis Policy Directive (SPD) is applicable to all of the NASA/SSC activities at Stennis Space Center (SSC) and to all NASA/SSC personnel.

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b. This SPD applies to NASA/SSC contractors or grant recipients to the extent specified or referenced in their respective contracts, grants, and agreements.

### 3. AUTHORITY

- a. 42 U.S.C 2473 (c) (1) of *the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958*.
- b. NPD 1000.0, *NASA Strategic Management and Governance Handbook*.
- c. NPD 1280.1, *NASA Management System Policy*.
- d. NPD 8730.5, *NASA Quality Assurance Program Policy*.

### 4. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

All references are assumed to be the latest version unless otherwise specified.

- a. NPD 1000.0, *NASA Strategic Management and Governance Handbook*.
- b. NPD 1280.1, *NASA Management System Policy*.
- c. NPD 8730.5, *NASA Quality Assurance Program Policy*.
- d. SPR 1280.1, *Stennis Management System Requirements*.
- e. SPR 8500.1, *SSC Environmental Management System Procedural Requirements*

### 5. RESPONSIBILITY

- a. The total operational control of NASA/SSC rests with the Center Director. SSC's Management System Policy, Strategic Management Objectives, Management System Requirements, and procedural directives are owned by the Center Director who shall ensure that they are reviewed periodically.
- b. The Center Director shall ensure implementation and effectiveness of the Stennis Management System (SMS), and shall maintain a work environment wherein all employees recognize safety and quality as the highest priorities.
- c. The Strategic Management Council (SMC) shall assess opportunities for improvement and the need for changes to the SSC management system policy.
- d. Each manager shall ensure the SSC management system policy is understood, implemented, and maintained at all levels of the organization. The management policy will be communicated throughout the organization by various means, such as employee orientation, team meetings, employee training, and reviews with management.
- e. The Management System Representative (MSR) shall maintain this directive.

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## 6. MEASUREMENT/VERIFICATION

Compliance with the requirements contained in this document will be verified through audits, observations, and/or self assessments.

## 7. CANCELLATION

None.

***Signature on File***

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